

November 27, 2020

Communion

We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper **Sunday, December 6**. All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

Angel Tree Gifts and Food Drive

The Outreach Committee is participating in the Angel Tree Project and a food drive for The Salvation Army. There are 15 Angels to help boys and girls (ages 2 - 18). You may spend up to \$30.00 for each child and gifts are not to be wrapped. Angels may be picked up from Angel tree in the entryway or from Mark Voss. Gifts need to be returned to Trinity by **Sunday, December 6** or to The Salvation Army by **December 10**.

The Salvation Army food drive is limited to soups (any type except for tomato) and breakfast cereal. If you wish you can drop off a check at the church made out to The Salvation Army-Ames, Iowa. This food drive will go thru **December 20**. If anyone has questions feel free to contact Mark Voss or Rob Hubert.

Virtual Small Groups Starting

For Advent, we are starting two virtual small groups that will be using J.D. Greer's *Advent* study on RightNow Media. Rachel DeBruin is leading a group that will meet on **Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.**, and will start this **Saturday, November 28th**. Pastor Randy is leading a group that will meet at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays**, and will start on **December 2nd**. Please contact Rachel or Pastor Randy if you want to participate and they will send you the RightNow Media Virtual Group link.

Another option is to do this study as a family and use the Family Guide that is provided. Please see the attachments for the Study Guide that we be used with the above groups and Family Guide, printed copies will also be available on the bulletin table. Here is a direct link to the study: rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/458407

Council

The next Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 9**.

Roots will meet **December 2, 6:30 p.m.** online.

Gingerbread Building Competition

Education Committee invites you to participate in this year's Intergenerational activity. We are planning a Take and Make--gingerbread building competition. The Education Committee will provide the basic supplies --graham crackers, frosting, gum drops and other small candies. You are to take the supplies home and build whatever you dream up. Feel free to add and or buy additional supplies. Some examples are Nativity, a church, a house, etc. Please post your creation on our "Trinity CRC Attenders" Facebook group page for all to view. The Education Committee will have supplies available for pickup on December 13 and all creations need to be posted by December 27 for consideration. No official prizes will be awarded except for bragging rights.

Custodian Position Filled

Pam and Mae Whitney are the church's new custodians.

Temporary Position Available

Admin/Treasurer: We are looking for someone to temporarily fill in Christina Helpers' position from January - April. The Helpers family will be out of the area while Tyler completes an internship for

seminary. The Admin/Treasurer position will take someone about 10 hours a week. Training will begin in early December. Please talk to Christina if you are interested.

Worship services and Covid awareness:

Dear Trinity Family, you're probably aware of the recent surge in local Covid-19 cases. For your own safety and for those around you, we're asking you to use extra caution until the numbers go back down. With regard to our worship services, we're asking everyone to faithfully follow these steps: remember to maintain a 6ft distance, even when talking after the service; wash/sanitize your hands before coming into the service; keep masks on during, before, and after the service; and if you have any symptoms, feel sick at all, or have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19, please watch the service from home or listen from your car that week. With our increased ventilation, we can average 10 fresh-air changes per hour, or one every 6 minutes, which is very helpful. However, we still feel that we should limit the singing in our services even further until things improve. The Worship Committee will be discussing this further, and you may notice some changes in how we incorporate music into the coming services. The FM broadcasts will continue for those who prefer to listen from their cars. We are also working to improve the audio-visual quality of the online services with some new equipment that has been ordered. Thankfully, the vaccines in process have showed very high effectiveness. As they become available, we hope that we can see a return to some semblance of normalcy by next spring or summer. We thank you sincerely for your continued patience and support. TCRC Council

Endowment Fund Requests

This year, the Endowment Committee anticipates that there will be money available for distribution for certain causes. Per our Endowment Policy, these causes include:

- Special expenses associated with initiating new ministries or expanding existing ministries.
- Investments in leadership development.
- Purchase of new equipment designed to enhance the ministries of the Church.
- Projects necessary to improve or preserve the building and grounds of the Church.
- Support participation by congregants in events that will enhance the vitality of the Church. (e.g., the annual Day of Encouragement at Dordt College, the annual Symposium on Worship at Calvin College, mission trips, etc.)

Requests for these funds can be made by individuals or committees, but all requests shall be submitted to the Endowment Committee either through a committee or Council for consideration. Requests shall preferably be made by December 31, 2020, but no later than January 15, 2020. Please contact Christina Helfers for an Endowment Fund Request form. ** Distributions from the Endowment Fund shall not be used for general budget shortfall.

Pastor Randy Raak: pastor@amestrinity.org

Elder Care Groups are as follows: A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Bill Frazier; L-S = Temp - Pastor Randy Raak; T-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink

Deacons: Donna Bergman; Andrew Friend; Mark Irvin; Tom Whitney

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back to God Ministries

Advent Devotional Series From Today - It's been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God's story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Savior. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/advent. It's free!

Dive into Kids Corner's new website - Kids Corner has a brand new look! And we've got loads of new faith-building resources to help your child discover their part in God's big story. Begin each week with a KC devotion for kids, with Bible readings, reflections, and prayer. And you'll meet fun new characters in the Casey's Day comic strip. You'll also receive a weekly encouragement just for parents. Be sure to watch the encouraging Kids in Action videos, and of course, join the fun with Liz and Friends. Don't miss any of it! Subscribe to Kids Corner at kidscorner.net.

KIDS SHOWING GRATITUDE - Check out our new kids' devotion on showing gratitude at www.kidscorner.net. When's the last time you told a check-out clerk, "Thank you for all you do," or you told your restaurant server, "Thank you very much," or the last time that you thanked your parents? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.